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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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Inventors: Isabelle ARNOULD-) Group Art Unit:
REGUIGNE et al.)
) Examiner:
Serial No.: Not Yet Assigned)
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Filed: February 12, 2002)
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For: NUCLEIC ACIDS OF THE HUMAN)
ABCA12 GENE, VECTORS)
CONTAINING SUCH NUCLEIC)
ACIDS AND USES THEREOF)

**Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231**

BOX: PATENT APPLICATION

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 1, before the first paragraph insert the following new paragraph

--This application claims the benefit of provisional application number
60/267,715, filed February 12, 2001, the content of which is incorporated herein by
reference.--

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